

Fiction Books, Arranged by Genre

Bean Trees

Barbara Kingsolver

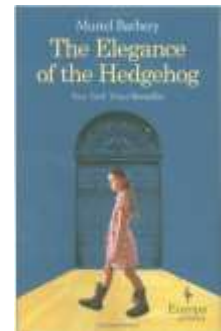
Taylor Greer grew up poor in rural Kentucky with two goals: to avoid pregnancy and to get away. She succeeds on both counts when she buys a 1955 Volkswagen and heads west.



Elegance of the Hedgehog, The

Muriel Barbery

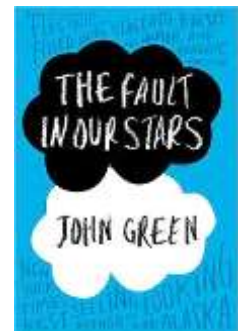
The book follows events in the life of a concierge, Renée Michel, whose deliberately concealed intelligence is uncovered by an unstable but intellectually precocious girl named Paloma Josse.



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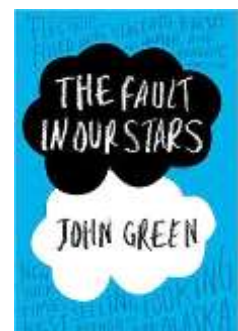
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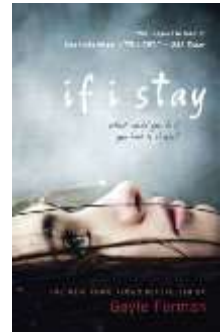
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If I Stay

Gayle Forman

While in a coma following an horrific automobile accident that killed her parents and younger brother, seventeen-year-old Mia, a gifted cellist, weighs whether to live with her grief or join her family in death.



I'll Be There

Holly Goldberg Sloan

Raised by an unstable father who keeps constantly on the move, Sam has long been the voice of his silent brother, Riddle, but everything changes when Sam meets Emily Bell and, welcomed by her family, the brothers encounter normalcy for the first time.



Impossible Knife of Memory

Laurie Halse Anderson

Hayley Kincaid and her father move back to his hometown to try a "normal" life, but the horrors he saw in the war threaten to destroy their lives.



It's Kind of a Funny Story

Ned Vizzini

This is a humorous account of a New York City teenager's battle with depression and his time spent in a psychiatric hospital.



Mockingbird

Kathryn Erskine

Ten-year-old Caitlin, who has Asperger's Syndrome, struggles to understand emotions, show empathy, and make friends at school, while at home she seeks closure by working on a project with her father.



My Sister's Keeper

Jodi Picoult

Thirteen-year-old Anna, conceived to provide blood and bone marrow for her sister Kate who was diagnosed with a rare form of leukemia at the age of two, decides to sue her parents for control of her body when her mother wants her to donate a kidney.



Period 8

Chris Crutcher

Period 8 is a safe haven, but as Paulie, Hannah, their friends, and a sympathetic teacher try to unravel the mystery of a missing classmate, the ultimate bully takes aim at the school



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JJ Abrams and Doug Dorst

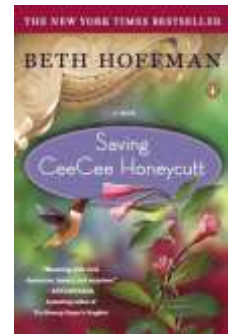
A young woman picks up a book left behind by a stranger. Inside it are his margin notes, which reveal a reader entranced by the story and by its mysterious author. She responds with notes of her own, leaving the book for the stranger, and so begins an unlikely conversation that plunges them both into the unknown.



Saving CeeCee Honeycutt

Beth Hoffman

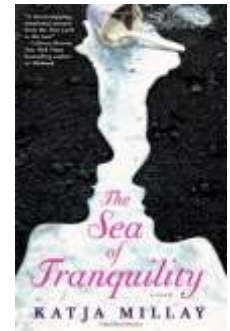
Twelve-year-old CeeCee has taken care of her psychotic mother for years but is rescued by her great-aunt Tootie, who moves CeeCee to Savannah and introduces her to an exotic world filled with eccentric women.



Sea of Tranquility, The

Katja Millay

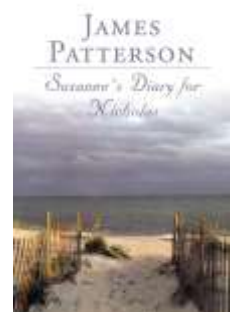
Two and a half years after an unspeakable tragedy left her a shadow of the girl she once was, Nastya Kashnikov moves to a new town determined to keep her dark past hidden and hold everyone at a distance. But her plans only last so long before she finds herself inexplicably drawn to the one person as isolated as herself.



Suzanne's Diary for Nicholas [GRADES 11-12 ONLY]

James Patterson

Katie Wilkinson has found her perfect man at last. He's a writer, a house painter, an original thinker-everything she's imagined she wanted in a partner. But one day, without explanation, he disappears from her life, leaving behind only a diary for her to read.



Then I Met My Sister

Christine Hurley Deriso

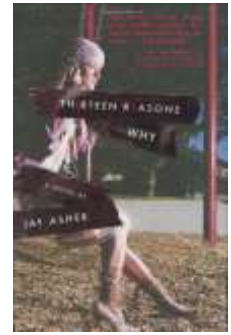
It's not exactly easy living in a shrine to your dead sister. Since Summer could never measure up to the beautiful, smart, and talented sister who had been killed in a car accident before she was born, why even try? But when she started reading the journal her sister kept just before she died, suddenly nothing was what she thought it was.



Thirteen Reasons Why

Jay Asher

When high school student Clay Jenkins receives a box in the mail containing thirteen cassette tapes recorded by his classmate Hannah, who committed suicide, he spends a heartbreaking night listening to her recount the events leading up to her death.



Water for Elephants

Sara Gruen

Ninety-year-old Jacob Jankowski finds himself haunted by memories of his past in the circus and the freaks, exotic animals, and other people he encountered as a performer.

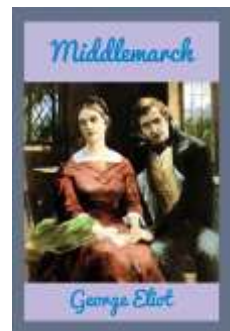


Classic

Middlemarch

George Eliot

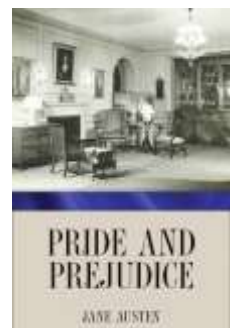
George Eliot's classic Middlemarch reveals the lives of its many characters living in the fictitious town of Middlemarch.



Pride and Prejudice

Jane Austen

In early nineteenth-century England, a spirited young woman copes with the courtship of a snobbish gentleman as well as the romantic entanglements of her four sisters.

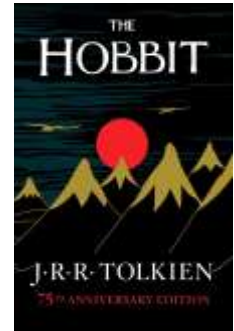


Fantasy

Hobbit, The

J.R.R. Tolkien

This stirring adventure is a fantasy that introduces the far-wandering hobbit, Bilbo Baggins.

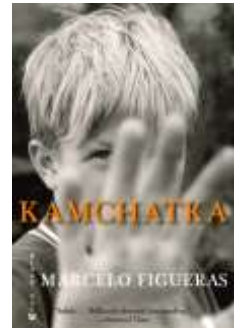


Historical fiction; Argentina

Kamchatka

Marcelo Figueras

In 1976 Buenos Aires, a ten-year-old boy lives in a world of school lessons and comic books, TV shows and games of Risk—a world in which men have superpowers and boys can conquer the globe on a rectangle of cardboard. But in his hometown, the military has just seized power, and amid a climate of increasing terror and intimidation, people begin to disappear without a trace.



Historical fiction; Japan

47 Ronin

A.B. Mitford

The legend of the 47 ronin is one of the most popular and best known stories about the samurai in Japan. It is often referred to as the country's "national legend" and is the most revered example of the samurai code of honor, bushido, put to the ultimate test.



Mystery

Loves Music, Loves to Dance

Mary Higgins Clark

New York's trendy magazines are a source of peril when a killer uses the personal ads to lure his victims.

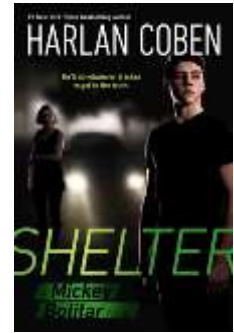


Mystery; Thriller

Shelter (Book One): A Mickey Bolitar Novel

Harlan Coben

After events tear Mickey away from his parents, he is forced to live with his Uncle Myron and switch high schools. When his new girlfriend, Ashley, vanishes, he follows her trail into an underworld that reveals she is not what she seems to be.

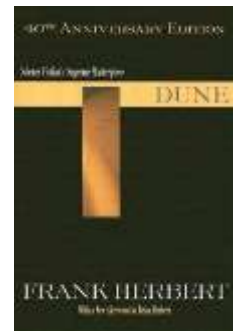


Science fiction

Dune

Frank Herbert

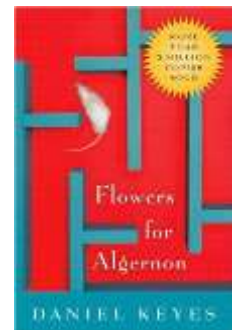
Forced by the Emperor of the known universe to live in exile on a barren planet, Duke Leto Atreides and his son lead the struggle against the Empire.



Flowers for Algernon

Daniel Keys

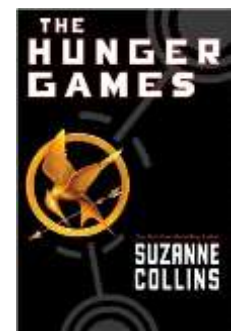
Charlie Gordon, born with an unusually low IQ, must face his gradual return to his former state when the astounding results of an experimental surgery that increased his intelligence prove to be only temporary.



Hunger Games

Suzanne Collins

In a future North America, where rulers of Panem maintain control through an annual survival competition, 16-year-old Katniss's skills are tested when she voluntarily takes her sister's place.



Maze Runner, The

James Dashner

Sixteen-year-old Thomas wakes up with no memory in the middle of a maze and realizes he must work with the community in which he finds himself if he is to escape.



Mockingjay (Hunger Games; Book 3)

Suzanne Collins

Katniss Everdeen, having survived the Hunger Games twice, learns she and her family and friends are in danger because the Capitol holds her responsible for the unrest and races against time to protect those she cares about and the people of District 12.

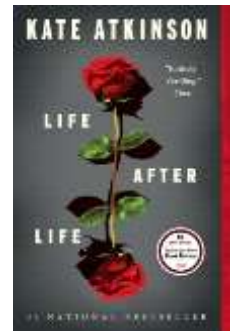


Science fiction; Time travel

Life After Life

Kate Atkinson

Every time Ursula Todd dies, she is born again. Does Ursula's apparently infinite number of lives give her the power to save the world from its inevitable destiny? And if she can -- will she?

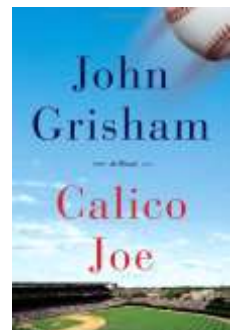


Sports fiction

Calico Joe

John Grisham

The careers of a golden boy rookie hitter for the Cubs and a hard-hitting Mets pitcher take very different paths.

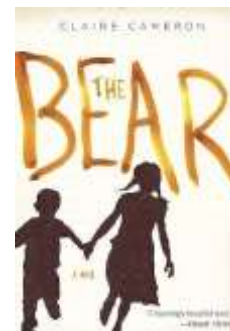


Survival

Bear, The

Claire Cameron

A powerful suspense story narrated by a young girl who must fend for herself and her little brother after a brutal bear attack.

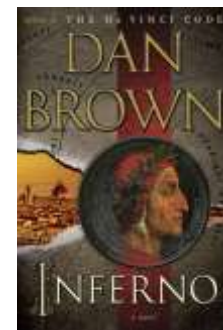


Thriller

Inferno

Dan Brown

Robert Langdon is on the run in Florence and in possession of a series of codes, created by a brilliant scientist obsessed with Dante's THE INFERNO that could devastate life on Earth.



Thriller; Horror; Mystery

Miss Peregrine's Peculiar Children

Ransom Riggs

When sixteen-year-old Jacob discovers an abandoned orphanage, he learns the children who lived there may have been dangerous and quarantined and may also still be alive.

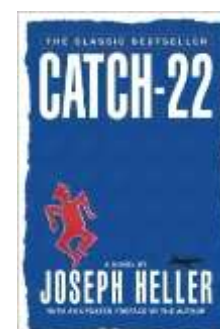


War stories

Catch-22 [GRADES 11-12 ONLY]

Joseph Heller

Yossarian is a hero endlessly inventive in his schemes to save his skin from the horrible chances of war, and his efforts are perfectly understandable because as he furiously scrambles, thousands of people he hasn't even met are trying to kill him.



Reichsblood [Unpublished manuscript available for checkout at Moncrief Library]

Jon Shipley

An Oxford student is pulled into Nazi Germany to help a friend whose parents have been imprisoned, but suddenly that simple mission turns into an attempt to infiltrate the SS and put a stop to Nazi sorcery with the help of his aunt, a very proper English witch.

